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Keller Named Administrative Director of State Courts

Chief Justice Ronald Moon today announced the selection of Rick Keller as the new administrative director of the courts effective June 6, 2003. He will be temporarily assigned to the new position as of May 19 and until the current director, Michael F. Broderick, is sworn in as a district family court judge of the First Judicial Circuit on June 6, 2003.

Keller is currently serving as special assistant to the administrative director of the courts, a position he has held since January 2, 2003.

"Rick is well qualified to assume this very important position," Chief Justice Moon said. "With his previous assignments at the state Department of the Attorney General and as an U.S. Army attorney with a distinguished record of service, he brings an outstanding background of government service to the Judiciary."

Keller was admitted to the Hawai'i Bar in 1978. He served with the Department of the Attorney General from 1995 to 2002. His most recent assignment was as first deputy attorney general, where he supervised nearly 700 personnel and oversaw a department budget of \$64.5 million.

Following graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, Keller served in various assignments in the U.S. Army, including infantry platoon leader in Vietnam and as a judge advocate. His most recent military assignment was as Staff Judge Advocate, 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawai'i. He retired in the rank of colonel after 24 years of service.

Keller received a master's degree in national security policy from Georgetown University and a law degree from the University of South Carolina Law Center in Columbia, S.C. He currently serves on the Board of Management for the Armed Services YMCA.

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